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VERTICAL BAGGING APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 23, 2001, Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group II - namely, Claims 9-14 drawn to a bagging apparatus with a